

COALITION TO IMPROVE NEWARK RECREATION

January 16, 1985

Dear Councilmember:

The Coalition to Improve Newark Recreation has been working over the past year to re-vitalize recreation programs for our residents. The Coalition has called upon city officials to:

- 1) immediately use the approved capital funds to begin the planned rehabilitation and renovation of recreation facilities, and
- 2) establish, with community input, a comprehensive year-round schedule of structured activities for all ages.

The Coalition has had one meeting with the Mayor and Director Chavis to discuss the concept of community involvement in our recreation programs. As a result of that meeting the Coalition has developed a "Partnership Plan for Recreational Services" which is enclosed for your review. The Plan was submitted to the Mayor on Jan. 1st and it will be discussed in more detail when he meets with the Coalition on Jan. 28th.

We are asking for your support for the Plan and for improved recreation services in general. We request that you take two specific actions:

- 1) publicly announce your support of the Plan, and
- 2) send the Mayor a letter in support of the Plan (prior to 1/28).

In this way, we will put into action your initial vote, taken last April, to provide the necessary funds for improved recreation facilities and programs.

We thank you for your effort to improve the level of recreation services for all our citizens. Someone from the Coalition to Improve Newark Recreation will be contacting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Coalition to Improve Newark Recreation

- * Newark Swim Team
- * Vailsburg Block Association Council
- * Committee to Open Wilson Ave. Pool
- * Silver-Stuyvesant Block Association
- * Coalition of South Ward Block Assoc.
- * Ironbound Ecumenical Association
- * JFK Advisory Committee
- * Vailsburg Community Council
- * Friends of Weequahic Park
- * Committee for Boylan St. Rec Center
- * South Ward Recreation Coalition

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